

REMARKS

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Election/Restrictions

In response to the request in the Office Action, Applicants confirm the election to prosecute Group II: Claims 1 and 17-20 in the above-identified application. Applicants are making this election without prejudice to later filing a divisional application on the non-elected claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 17-20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Kwon. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled Claims 19 and 20 and amended independent Claim 17 to recite that the gate signal line drive circuit has at least one tristate buffer and one gate selection pulse change-over switch. This is shown, for example, at page 35, lns. 3-17 of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that Kwon does not disclose or suggest such a switch or incorporating the gate selection circuit to the gate signal line drive circuit unit. Therefore, the claims of the present application are patentable thereover. Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

The Examiner also rejects Claim 1 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Kwon in view of Kobayashi et al. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Claim 1 has also been amended to recite a gate selection pulse change-over switch. Applicants respectfully submit such a feature is not shown or suggested by the cited references. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are also adding new Claims 21-26 herewith. These claims include the recital of a dummy gate signal line connected to a tristate buffer. This is shown, for example, at page 20, lns. 15-17 and Figs. 12 and 14 of the present application.

No fee is believed necessary for these new claims. If a fee is due, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

It is requested that these new claims be entered and allowed.

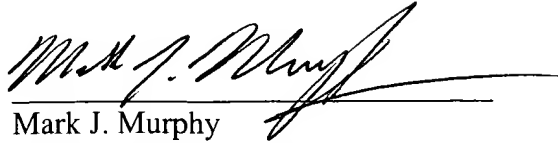
Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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